

without charge to the patient. By mutual agreement, responsibility for making the needed immunizations available may be transferred from the local public health agency to a school or day care center.

(2) By November 15 of each year each local public health agency shall report to the department statistical information concerning the degree of compliance with s. 140.05 (16), Stats., of students within its service area. These reports shall be made on a form prescribed by the department.

(3) The local public health agency shall assist the department in informing schools and day care centers of the provisions of s. 140.05 (16), Stats., and this chapter.

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HSS 144.09 Responsibilities of the department. (1) The department, in cooperation with local school boards, school administrators and other agencies as appropriate, shall provide guidance to parents, physicians, schools and local public health agencies in understanding the minimum immunization requirements, the reasons behind their establishment and the process for implementing them.

(a) The department shall undertake a public awareness campaign to acquaint parents with the requirements and rights under s. 140.05 (16), Stats.

(b) The department shall design, print and distribute the appropriate reporting and waiver forms. Copies of these forms are available free from the department at 1 West Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53702.

(2) A surveillance system designed to detect occurrences of vaccine preventable diseases covered by s. 140.05 (16) shall be maintained by the department and outbreaks shall be investigated to confirm the diagnosis and to determine the source and probable pattern of spread of the infection.

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